

Human Trafficking Task Force, Subcommittee on Education and Training

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 18, 2012, 12:30 PM
Boston Police Headquarters

Attending: Lisa Goldblatt Grace, Jennifer Franco (MDAA), Donna Gavin (BPD HTU), Pi Heseltine (MSP), Maura Landry (MPTC), Nancy Leedberg (Brockton PD), Kelly Nee (BPD), and Chip Yeaton (Canton PD).
For the Attorney General's Office: Ann Meola

I. Call to order

Co-chair Grace called to order the regular meeting of the Human Trafficking Task Force, Subcommittee on Education and Training at 12:30 p.m. on October 18, 2012 at the Boston Police Department.

II. Approval of minutes from last meeting

The minutes of the August 15, 2012 were approved as submitted.

III. Review of the Presentation to the Interagency Human Trafficking Task Force and Suggested Action Items

Co-chair Grace reported that the subcommittee's report to the Interagency Human Trafficking Task Force was well received. Additional suggestions and thoughts were provided by the task force members and presenters from the Data Collection and Sharing subcommittee, who also presented at the 9/12/12 meeting.

IV. Working with Law Enforcement

Subcommittee is scheduled to present to the Interagency Human Trafficking Task Force at their next scheduled meeting on 11/7/12. The presentation topic is the focus of tenet (iv):

“... and office **recommendations for programs and training opportunities for law enforcement and social service providers** including but not limited to, methods used to identify human trafficking victims including preliminary interviewing and questioning techniques, methods of protecting the special needs of women and child human trafficking victims, developments in state and federal laws regarding human trafficking.”

Members discussed the topics to be addressed within this tenet: 1) who should be trained within law enforcement; 2) when to capture the greatest audience for these trainings; 3) what should be the content; and 4) how to mandate the trainings to ensure that law enforcement receives the training.

Maura Landry from the MA Police Training Council (MPTC) presented an overview of general law enforcement training: 1) basic recruit (800+ hrs); 2) veteran officers (40 hrs/yr in-service); 3) mandatory subjects (e.g. legal issues, defense tactics, DV, etc.); and 4) specialized training for certification in specific areas. These are all face-to-face trainings. There may be also be e-learning opportunities for veteran officers as well as for promotional purposes.

Kelly & Donna indicated that there are trainings for BPD sworn officers under a grant for in-service, academy, promotions. Pi reported that MSP has done trainings in conjunction with MPTC and have incorporated training on sexual assault for MSP recruits.

So for the purposes of the presentation and fulfillment of the recommendations under tenet (iv) the subcommittee will need to: 1) identify who and what is to be trained; 2) what are the best practice methods of implementation of the training; and 3) how to create a model that will allow for inclusion of new developments in human trafficking into the training(s). Specifically for the purposes of the upcoming training, the presentation will outline: 1) definitions and overview of the law; 2) who is impacted by this crime; 3) define the nuts and bolts of effective investigation; and 4) the impact of the paradigm shift away from human trafficking as a “victim-less “ crime.

The members proposed a model training involving a half day session, utilizing the MPTC’s train the trainer model for all sworn officers provided in a face-to-face method. This training was recommended in some iteration for assistant district attorneys, clerks, DOC officers, campus police, DYS, probation, and school resource officers. The group also discussed the possibility of trainings for judges or at least presentations at state conferences or through publications.

Pi Heselton and Kelly Nee will develop and present the PowerPoint to the upcoming Interagency Human Trafficking Task Force Meeting on Wednesday, November 7, 2012.

V. Adjournment

Lisa Goldblatt-Grace adjourned the meeting at 11:50 a.m. The next scheduled meeting date is Tuesday, November 27, 2012 at 10 a.m. in the Media Room at the Boston Police Department.

Minutes submitted by: Ann Meola